

Welcome

To our communities of faith

Our Divine Saviour Catholic Church

12th Street and Love Avenue
Tifton, GA

And

St. William Catholic Church
807 S. Merrimac Dr.
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of
the Lord
March 29, 2026**

Pastor

Rev. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

Deacon

J. Brian Bergeron

***My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?
Psalm 22***



The Passion Narrative is among the earliest traditions to be handed down in written form.

In Matthew's passion account, all the events proceed according to God's will as revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Jesus, the servant and Son of God, has poured himself out to overcome humanity's separation from God.

Our Divine Savior

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday.....10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday.....Closed

**Any new parishioners who would like to register,
Please call the parish office**

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Requests for Prayers

Please pray for the sick and those who have requested our prayers:

Maria Alanis, Allison Brannan, Rachel Brantley, James Brown, Mary Brown, Brady, Patricia Busby, Erica Carroll, Mary Carroll, Tommy Carroll, Sean Winn Carampatan, Laurie Creel, Margarie D'Souva, Tina DeWees, Lela Dillehay, Curtis Esmel, Carlos & Carrie Fletcher, Lauren Judy Fraelich, Rodolfo Hernandez-Labastida, Chloe Kendrick, David LaForest, Isaac Lindsey, Randy Long, LaVonia Mathis, Raeleigh Jane McCartha, Bob McDuffie, Andrew Meredith, Susana Melgar, Butch Parker, Charles Phenicie, John Potlanus, Katy Podagrosi, Miller Blake Prostko, Nancy Quynn, Marian Robinson, Jaxen Roberts, Rosalie Rohrer, Arlene Ruse, Josephine Sehrsanski, Marlena Smith, Sterling Saunders, Robbi Scarbrough, Wayne Scarbrough, John B. Sherlock, James Smith, Kaylon Spurlock, Jamie Thompson, Jennifer Unis, Dowson Bedore, Debra Vazquez, Sonia Webb, James Wyatt

Please Pray for our Military:

Andrew Byrd, Anthony Caucci, Jonathan Elder, Clayton F. Gibbs, Terry Jones, James Olands, Angel Olivos, Bong Tanesco, Aurelio Tovar, Gregory Camargo, Michael Gibbons, Jackson Bergeron

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

Readings:

Matthew 21:1-11
Philip. 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27

Theme:

Holy Week – the mystery of our faith.

Question of the week:

Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call?

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

Readings:

Acts 10:34-43
Coloss. 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Theme:

Jesus' resurrection – the heart of our faith, life, and journey.

Question of the week:

Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ?

Announcements: March 28 & 29

Activity Center Rental Fee:

As of January 1, 2025 the fee to rent the Activity Center will be \$800 plus a \$200 deposit which will be returned if there is no damaged to the property.

CCW News:

The CCW is sponsoring a RADA Cutlery fundraiser effective immediately. RADA sells reasonably priced cutlery items, along with soup mixes, dips, cheese ball mixes, gourmet popcorn, cookbooks and more. Catalogs will be available in the Church vestibule. You may also order on-line at: <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5276229.0684f0>. This will take you right to the ODS site. 40% of the proceeds are paid to the OCS CCW. Thank you

Attention High School Seniors: The college scholarship application packets will be available for students starting January 27th for the "Joe and Martha Day AND the Jared A. Gibbs Scholarships. You can pick up your application packet from Mr. Guzman in the Guidance office. Please consider applying for these scholarships. If you have any questions, please call Janet Vanags at 229-392-6770 or Mary Anne Gibbs at 229-392-7676.

Harvest of Hope Campaign:

If you are writing a check to the Harvest of Hope Campaign, please make your check out to Harvest of Hope and not Our Divine Saviour. Thanks for your generosity.

OUR DIVINE SAVIOUR:

Here are key figures from the latest Harvest of Hope campaign report (3/2/26).

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$131,895 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$100,893

ONE-TIME DONATIONS: \$50,721

ST. WILLIAM:

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$4,300.00 PLEDGE BALANCE: \$3,687.00 TOTAL GIVEN: \$1,418

ODS 11th Annual International Food Festival:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The ODS Eleventh Annual International Food Festival will be held on April 25, 2026. We are always looking for new countries to be represented. For this fund raiser to be successful we need cooks from your native country. Please contact Carolyn Slade, email is csslade@gmail.com or Priscilla Carpenter, email is ki4gae@yahoo.com or phone 229-848-6699 with the authentic dish from your native country. We also have ad space on our t-shirt available.

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal:

The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal *Faith, Hope Charity* has begun. Our Divine Saviour Parish Goal is \$24,014 and St. William is \$2,707. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education, of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others. You may view the video on the diocesan website (diosav.org). Pledge/Donation envelopes are available in the church vestibule.

Help Needed:

"In the readings, the table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the treasures of the Bible are opened to them." (GIRM #57)

Are you ready to be a bit more active in your parish? Do you wish to deepen your understanding of Scripture? We have excellent lectors in our parish, and they need help! Our parish needs more lectors to serve at weekend English-language Masses. The only requirements for this ministry are the lectors must already be Confirmed and in full Communion. Once trained, lectors give 1-2 hours of time throughout the month in the preparation of their assigned readings. Experienced lectors also help with training novice lectors. For more information about training for this ministry, please contact Deborah Blakey at 229-339-0986. Thank you for your support in this ministry.

Book Club:

The next selection for the Book Club is "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver. You are invited to obtain a copy of the book, read it and meet us for the discussion on Monday, May 4th at 7:00 pm. Please contact Margo martin (229-402-0741) for the location of the meeting.

There will be NO CCD this weekend, March 28 and 29.

There will be NO Mass on Tuesday, March 31st.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Wednesday and Thursday, April 1st and 2nd.

Dear Padre

March 29, 2026

How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means “Anointed One.” The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God’s help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* (“Holy Oils”)—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

Matthew 21:1–11 / Isaiah 50:4–7 / Philippians 2:6–11
/ Matthew 26:14–27:66 or 27:11–54

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The adoring crowds, chanting “Hosanna to the Son of David” (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus is not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.

Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

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Querido Padre

29 de marzo de 2026

¿En qué se diferencian los tres óleos sagrados y cómo los deshecho correctamente como sacristán?

Jesucristo fue ungido sacerdote, profeta y rey. Cristo significa «el ungido». Los óleos sagrados ayudan a los miembros de la Iglesia, que comparten la misión sacerdotal, profética y real de Cristo. Los catecúmenos son ungidos con el óleo de los catecúmenos para que Dios les ayude a resistir el mal, rechazar el pecado y adherirse a una profesión de fe para toda la vida mientras se preparan para el bautismo. Los enfermos y los ancianos son ungidos con el aceite de los enfermos para luchar contra los efectos debilitantes físicos y espirituales de la enfermedad a través de la presencia y el poder del Espíritu Santo. El crisma, el más importante de los tres, solo puede ser consagrado por un obispo. Se utiliza para el bautismo (junto con el aceite de los catecúmenos), la confirmación, la ordenación de un sacerdote u obispo y la dedicación de una iglesia y un altar.

El lugar donde se guardan los óleos, a menudo marcado con la inscripción «Olea Sanctae» («Óleos Santos»), se llama «ambry». Suele estar en un lugar destacado de la iglesia, cerca de la pila bautismal. Cada año, cuando se sustituyen los óleos, un sacerdote, sacristán u otra persona puede absorber el óleo viejo con algodón y quemarlo en un incensario o como parte del fuego que da comienzo a la Vigilia Pascual. Con especial cuidado, el aceite viejo también puede añadirse a una vela grande encendida, como la lámpara del santuario. Sea cual sea el método de eliminación que se utilice, es necesario actuar con reverencia y seguridad. ●

P. Byron J. Miller, CSSR

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Buenas noticias

29 de marzo de 2026

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor (A)

Mateo 21, 1-11 / Isaías 50, 4-7 / Filipenses 2, 6-11 /

Mateo 26, 14-27:66 o 27:11-54

P. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Las multitudes adoradoras, que cantan «Hosanna al Hijo de David» (Mateo 21, 9), captan nuestra atención en este Domingo de Ramos. Escuchamos a las multitudes y nos regocijamos con ellas. A veces, olvidamos que no todos en la multitud están alegres. Algunos se sienten desafiados; otros, amenazados. Para ellos, Jesús no es una buena noticia; no es el tan esperado, sino algo completamente diferente, y debe ser silenciado.

Nuestra celebración dominical comienza con multitudes jubilosas y termina con una muerte cruel. Los que antes estaban alegres ahora están callados y dispersos. Parece que las autoridades han vuelto a triunfar. La esperanza se ha desvanecido. La promesa sigue sin cumplirse.

Espiritualmente, siéntense con desolación en la semana que viene. No se adelanten al final triunfal de la historia. Es cierto que somos un pueblo pascual, pero también debemos prestar atención a los detalles de cómo el mal a menudo intenta silenciar al bien. Es importante, como personas de fe, recordar que incluso cuando todo parece perdido, el Padre tiene la última palabra. Su voluntad se cumple. Él es el Creador y el autor de la historia. Siempre debemos prepararnos para ser sorprendidos. Para abrazar la luz en lugar de la oscuridad. Y, incluso cuando hay muerte a nuestro alrededor, saber que habrá vida, vida en abundancia para todos. ●

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EVENTS of the WEEK

Saturday, March 28

Mass at ODS [+Charles Dillehay] 5:00 pm
(Wyatt Family)

NO Spanish CCD

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Familia Manriquez Ramirez]
7:00 pm

Sunday, March 29

Mass at ODS [+Charles Dillehay] 9:00 am
(Wyatt Family)]

NO CCD at ODS..

Mass at St. William (Catholic Extension) 11:30 am

Spanish Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 2:00 pm

Monday, March 30

NO Mass at ODS

Tuesday, March 31

NO Mass at ODS

Wednesday, April 1

OFFICE CLOSED

Mass at ODS 8:00 am

Thursday, April 2

OFFICE CLOSED

Mass at ODS English 6:00 pm

Mass at ODS Spanish 8:00 pm

Friday, April 3

Good Friday Services at St. William 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross (English) ODS 5:30 pm

Good Friday Services at ODS English 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross (Spanish) ODS 7:00 pm

Good Friday Services at ODS Spanish 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 4

Bilingual Mass at ODS [+Sheila Carpenter Holland] 8:00 pm
(Al & MaryAnne Gibbs)]

NO Spanish CCD

Sunday, April 5

Mass at ODS (For ODS Parishioners) 9:00 am

NO CCD at ODS

Mass at St. William (Catholic Extension Society) 11:30 am

Spanish Mass at ODS [+Alberto Ramirez] 2:00 pm
(Norma Ramirez)]

Protecting Our Youth: Diocesan policy requires all diocesan Adult employees and every volunteer and employee who minister to the youth of the diocese attend VIRTUS (safe environment) awareness training undergo a background check, and read and sign the Diocesan "Code of conduct for working with minors" prior to commencing their ministry. The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, toll free reporting hotline: (888) 357-5530.

ODS Weekly Offertory	(3/22/26):	\$3,868
ODS Offertory collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$222, 911
ODS Building Fund	(3/22/26):	\$
ODS Building Fund collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$20,999
St. William Offertory	(3/22/26):	\$309
St. William Collected to Date	(7/06/25):	\$20,049

ODS LITURGY TEAM

Saturday, April 4, 2026 – 8:00 pm
Bilingual Mass

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR Reading 1: Spanish Reading 3: Debbie Blakey
LECTOR . . Reading 5: Spanish Epistle: Debbie Blakey
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Greg Harten
. Michele Harten, Mary Beth Cary
SACRISTAN Eloise Stone

Sunday, April 5, 2026 – 9:00 am

PRESIDER: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP
LECTOR : Bob Kemerait
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EUCRISTIC MINISTER Morris Scarbrough
. Theresa Scarbrough, Maria Ramirez
. Halario Ramirez, Bill McDaniel
SACRISTAN: Claudia Aguilar

EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE:

April 2nd HOLY THURSDAY:

6:00 pm ODS English Mass

8:00 pm ODS Spanish Mass

April 3rd GOOD FRIDAY:

6:00 pm Good Friday Services at St. William

5:30 pm ODS Stations of the Cross (English)

6:00 pm ODS Good Friday Services (English)

7:00 pm ODS Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

8:00 pm ODS Good Friday Services (Spanish)

April 4th HOLY SATURDAY:

8:00 pm Bilingual Mass

April 5th EASTER SUNDAY:

9:00 am ODS English Mass

11:30 am Mass at St. William

2:00 pm ODS Spanish Mass